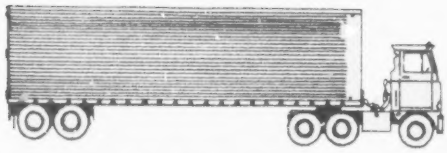

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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SEPTEMBER TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX DECREASES

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage decreased 5.0 points (3.4 percent) during September 1981, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index was 143.6p for the month of September, compared to 148.6r for the month of August 1981. The index was 3.0 points (or 2.1 percent) lower than it was in September 1980. The final adjusted index for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Statistical Services Department's monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change chain link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and the variations dues to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region for the latest month (p) are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, September tonnage increased 6.1 percent compared to revised August and decreased 3.4 percent compared to September of last year.

Cumulative tonnage for the first nine months of 1981 decreased 1.1 percent from the same period in 1980.

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p - preliminary r - revised f - final

PLEASE NOTE: The regional data on the reverse side reflects overall results based on the domicile of reporting carriers and not the actual tonnage moved by region. Fore more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index, see the ATA Department of Economics' "Motor Carrier Special Report" of September 1977.

UNADJUSTED SEPTEMBER TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	# of Cos.	Sept. 1981p	Sept. 1980f	Percent Change 9/81p over 9/80f	August 1981r	Percent Change 9/81p over 8/81r
New England	18	288,919	265,412	+ 8.9	276,330	+ 4.6
Middle Atlantic	40	973,303	977,903	- 0.5	949,009	+ 2.6
Central	59	1,725,857	1,773,114	- 2.7	1,646,648	+ 4.8
Southern	41	1,483,718	1,444,476	+ 2.7	1,359,334	+ 9.2
Northwestern	10	276,194	287,860	- 4.1	247,717	+11.5
Midwestern	19	368,223	388,623	- 5.3	343,878	+ 7.1
Southwestern	12	673,229	720,339	- 6.5	677,554	- 0.6
Rocky Mountain	13	307,020	310,905	- 1.3	280,482	+ 9.5
Pacific	17	1,003,301	1,183,306	-15.2	909,917	+10.3
TOTAL	229	7,099,764	7,351,938	- 3.4	6,690,869	+ 6.1

INDEX COMPARISONS

	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Sept. 1980	Monthly % Change 8/81 / 7/81	Monthly % Change 9/81 / 8/81	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	143.6p	148.6r	153.7f	146.6f	-3.3	-3.4	- 2.1
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	151.7p	142.9r	146.0f	152.3f	-2.1	+6.1	- 0.4
Industrial Production Index[2] (Total)	152.1	153.3	153.4	144.4	-0.1	-0.8	+ 5.3
Manufacturers (total)	151.4	152.7	153.1	143.9	-0.3	-0.9	+ 5.2
Non-durable	166.4	166.7	166.9	161.0	-0.1	-0.2	+ 3.4
Durable	141.0	142.9	143.6	132.1	-0.5	-1.3	+ 6.7
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	363.9	362.3	360.6	330.2	+0.5	+0.4	+10.2
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	271.1	271.2	271.3	251.4	-0.1	-0.1	+ 7.8
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	279.3	276.5	274.4	251.7	+0.8	+1.0	+11.0

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[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly Wholesale Price Index

[4]Goods and Services.